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Allegations of institutional abuse/neglect concerning Department of Children and Families' facilities -- DCF-operated schools and other facilities -- are referred to the State Central Registry, SCR (1-877-652-2873) for basic information gathering (e.g., client identifying information, a description of the alleged incident), and report processing.

DCF (i.e., IAIU or CP&P) does not investigate allegations concerning its own staff. However, to avoid a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, SCR refers the allegation to the Public Defender Conflict Investigation Unit (PDCIU) for further screening, intervention, and/or investigation, as that agency deems appropriate, based on a standing agreement between the two agencies. See "Limiting Conflicts of Interest," CP&P-II-C-1-300. For information-sharing considerations between DCF and the PDCIU, see CP&P-IX-G-1-100.